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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his or her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The following documents were cited in a search report in the French priority application upon which the instant application is based. A copy of the search report and a copy of an annex thereto, indicating "family member" documents, are attached.

U.S. Patent No. 2,190,608 (POUX), issued on February 13, 1940, was cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is particularly pertinent (*i.e.*, a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1, 2, 5, and 7 of Applicants'

aforementioned priority application. The following parts of US '608 were cited in the search report as being pertinent: page 1, column 1, third paragraph; page 1, column 2, line 11, to page 2, column 1, line 38; claims 1 and 2; and Figs. 1-6.

U.S. Patent No. 3,872,552 (HOFIUS), issued on March 25, 1975, was cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1, 2, 5, and 7 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The following parts of US '552 were cited in the search report as being pertinent: column 4, line 10, to column 6, second paragraph; and Figs. 1-8.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609, a copy of each of the above-mentioned patents is attached. Further, each is listed on the attached PTO-1449 forms to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of each of the initialled form to Applicants.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

Respectfully submitted,
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